

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 STATE 092130

73

ORIGIN AF-18

INFO OCT-01 EUR-25 ISO-00 SAJ-01 ACDA-19 MC-02 CIAE-00

DODE-00 PM-07 H-03 INR-10 L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-07 PA-04

RSC-01 PRS-01 SP-03 SS-20 SSO-00 NSCE-00 USIE-00

INRE-00 /125 R

DRAFTED BY AF/S:RJDOLS:CHG

APPROVED BY AF/S:WPONEILL

AF - MR EASUM (DRAFT)

AF/P - MR LINEHAN (SUBS)

EUR/IB: MR SMITH (DRAFT)

S/PRS:JFKING (INFO)

----- 030655

O 040056Z MAY 74

FM SECSTATE WASHDC

TO AMEMBASSY PRETORIA IMMEDIATE

AMCONSUL JOHANNESBURG IMMEDIATE

AMCONSUL DURBAN IMMEDIATE

AMCONSUL CAPE TOWN IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY LISBON IMMEDIATE

AMCONSUL LOURENCO MARQUES IMMEDIATE

AMCONSUL LUANDA IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY LUSAKA IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY LAGOS IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY GABORONE IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY MASERU IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY MBABANE IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY LONDON IMMEDIATE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE STATE 092130

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS PFOR,SF,PO, US

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 STATE 092130

SUBJECT: TAD SZULC ARTICLE GUIDANCE

REF: STATE 090949 (NOTAL); PRETORIA 1881 (NOTAL)

1. FOLLOWING IS PRESS GUIDANCE PROVIDED BY DOD/ISA AND
APPROVED BY DEPT:

A. ALLEGATION IN TENTH PARAGRAPH OF TAD SZULC ARTICLE:

PART ONE - AS LONG AS A YEAR AGO, WHEN IT BECAME OBVIOUS
THAT THE REBELS WERE GAINING IN STRENGTH IN MOZAMBIQUE,
THE U.S. AND NATO BEGAN TO DRAW UP SECRET CONTINGENCY
PLANS FOR AIR AND NAVAL DEFENSE OF SOUTH AFRICA.

ANSWER: THIS IS NOT TRUE. THE U.S. FULLY SUPPORTS THE UN
ARMS RESOLUTION AGAINST THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA, AND
IT SUPPORTS NEITHER SIDE IN THE DISPUTES BETWEEN PORTUGAL
AND THE AFRICAN NATIONALIST MOVEMENTS IN ITS TERRITORIES.

PART TWO - IN JUNE 1973, NATO'S DEFENSE PLANNING COMMITTEE
(DPC) INSTRUCTED SACLANT (SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER,
ATLANTIC) HEADQUARTERS IN NORFOLK, VIRGINIA, TO DRAW UP
PLANS FOR AN ALLIED AIR-NAVAL TASK FORCE TO STAND READY
TO ASSIST SOUTH AFRICA, SHOULD THE NEED ARISE.

ANSWER: THIS IS NOT TRUE. THERE HAVE BEEN NO NATO IN-
STRUCTIONS, BY THE DPC OR OTHER NATO AUTHORITY, TO SACLANT
OR ANY OTHER NATO COMMAND, FOR ANY SUCH PLANNING CALLING
FOR ASSISTANCE TO THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA OR ANY
OTHER COUNTRY IN SOUTHERN AFRICA.

B. ALLEGATIONS IN ELEVENTH PARAGRAPH OF TAD SZULC ARTICLE.

PART ONE - FOLLOWING A DECEMBER 1969 (U.S.) NATIONAL
SECURITY COUNCIL DECISION TO PRESERVE A QUOTE BALANCE UN-
QUOTE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA, THE U.S.

-- HAS BEEN QUIETLY SELLING PORTUGAL QUOTE NON-LETHAL
UNQUOTE MILITARY END-ITEMS SUCH AS JEEPS, RADIO SYSTEMS
AND SPOTTER PLANES AS WELL AS DEFOLIANTS.

ANSWER: THE U.S.G. HAS NOT PROVIDED OR SOLD DEFOLIANTS
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 03 STATE 092130

THAT ARE APPLICABLE FOR MILITARY USES TO PORTUGAL.
PORTUGAL ITSELF MANUFACTURES A WIDE RANGE OF HERBICIDES,
INCLUDING THOSE USABLE AS DEFOLIANTS.

THE U.S.G. NEITHER PROVIDES NOR SELLS ANY MILITARY EQUIP-
MENT TO PORTUGAL FOR DEPLOYMENT OR USE IN AFRICA. THE
SELECTIVE U.S. TRAINING AND EQUIPMENT PROVIDED OR SOLD TO
PORTUGAL IS STRICTLY FOR PORTUGAL'S NATO RESPONSIBILITIES,

AND BY AGREEMENT ARE PRECLUDED FROM AFRICA USE. THIS
HAS BEEN MAINTAINED.

PART TWO -- IT HAS TRAINED PORTUGUESE OFFICERS IN
COUNTER-INSURGENCY AT THE JUNGLE WARFARE ARMY SCHOOL AT
FT. GULICK IN THE PANAMA CANAL ZONE.

ANSWER. THIS IS NOT TRUE. THERE HAS NEVER BEEN ANY
TRAINING OF PORTUGUESE MILITARY OR OTHER PERSONNEL AT
THE ARMY JUNGLE WARFARE SCHOOL AT FORT GULICK, PANAMA
CANAL ZONE.

PART THREE -- AND HELPED IN TRAINING PORTUGUESE PILOTS
AT BASES IN WESTERN GERMANY.

ANSWER: LIMITED U.S. PILOT TRAINING FOR PORTUGAL IS
RESTRICTED TO SUPPORT OF ITS NATO MISSIONS. IT IS
PRIMARILY FOR TECHNICAL UPGRADING OF PILOT PROFICIENCY
FOR THE NATO MISSIONS AND IS ACCOMPLISHED WHEREVER THE
U.S. OR OTHER NATO EXPERTISE IS AVAILABLE IN THE NATO
AREA.

2. THE DEPARTMENT HAS ADDED TO PARA B, PART ONE:

THERE IS NO TRUTH TO THE ALLEGATION THAT THERE WAS AN
NSC DECISION IN 1969 TO QUOTE PRESERVE A 'BALANCE' IN
SOUTHERN AFRICA... UNQUOTE

3. THIS GUIDANCE IS TO BE USED ON AN IF-ASKED BASIS.

DECON ON RECEIPT.

RUSH
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 04 STATE 092130

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: MILITARY ASSISTANCE, PRESS COMMENTS, MILITARY PLANS, MILITARY SALES, DEFOLIANTS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 04 MAY 1974
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: GarlanWA
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1974STATE092130
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: RJDOLS:CHG
Enclosure: DG ALTERED
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D740107-0529, D740107-0539
From: STATE
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1974/newtext/t19740573/aaaacnwh.tel
Line Count: 154
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ORIGIN AF
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 3
Previous Channel Indicators:
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 74 STATE 90949, 74 PRETORIA 1881, STATE 090949 (NOTAL); PRETORIA 1881, (NOTAL)
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: GarlanWA
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 29 MAY 2002
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <29 MAY 2002 by boyleja>; APPROVED <31 JAN 2003 by GarlanWA>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: TAD SZULC ARTICLE GUIDANCE
TAGS: PFOR, MILI, SF, PO, US, NATO, (SZULC, TAD)
To: PRETORIA JOHANNESBURG DURBAN MULTIPLE
Type: TE
Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005